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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2001, Applicants submit the following response and amendment. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claim 22 as below:

22. (Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said method further comprises the step of relating said reporter moiety activity before addition of said test chemical to said reporter moiety activity after addition of said test chemical.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicants have amended claim 22 to correct its claim dependency. The amendment does not introduce new matter. Applicants attach hereto in Appendix A, a listing of the amended claims to show the amendments made, and in Appendix B, a listing of all claims currently pending upon entry of the present amendment.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 19, 2001, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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